THE RICH AND THE POOR.

It is generally recognized that the greatest evil of modern times is the concentration, or centralization, of wealth; the war of the monopoly against the people, and the rich against the poor. In dwelling upon this subject, the Salt Lake Tribune draws the following pictures in its usual graphic style. It is a description of part of the decorations of a millionaire's house in New York:

"At one of the doors of a dining-room hangs a portiere of silver cloth, decorated in tapestry stitch with festoons of fruits and flowers, appropriately suggestive to owner of the abundance, for him, of good things of life. A European altar to the persuasiveness of the pe portal. Scroll work in plush, and designs of the with bands and fringes

on them by their landlords tenement houses in New families, to live in many of which, it is of ficially declared, "is despair itself." Their miserable tenants have gone so low that the next step is into the earth itself, and, for fear of eviction from their reeking quarters, they have not the courage to whis-per a word of complaint."

No one will pretend that where two such pictures as the foregoing an be drawn there is no cause for pprehension. This is a republic; he only protection that wealth has the forbearance of the people who re poor. It is all well enough to say hat in this world all men play at the me of fortune; that the winning kets are few, while the blanks are any, and that the rich man can do thing better than to build palaces,

the building and furnishing of m distributes money among the people. Up to a certain point that is true; but it is strange that men who have more money than they can use do not seek to leave to their children protection as well as wealth. It costs about \$30,000,000 annually to support the government of the city of New York. A mighty quota of that amount goes to pay for poorly protecting society against criminals. ferm that sweamt a million per annum could be spared to clear out those dreadful tenement houses, to send their inmates to the cheap lands of the west, and to make homes for hem there; before a decade passed nereased security could not be esti. | board of supervisors, that their action es the famous galleries of the old orld and bears away their choicest orks of art; suppose it stretches out s tentacles and draws from the tar its sacred cloth; suppose for the looms of the old world reave their most delicate fabrics, and the most skilled artisans exhaust their talent in making of a house a palace: Does it bring any protect tion to the lucky wner? Supp near by there is growing up a warm. at, or sufficient clothes to wear, and vorst vill, he sees his father's heart break under his troubles and his mother's face grow paler and sadder daily until there comes a day when her poor worn-out frame in a pauper's coffin is carried to Potter's field; what is to keep the blood in that boy's heart from turning to gall, and what is to prevent him from concluding that there is mercy neither in heaven nor on earth, and that to

SURE TO COME.

assured?

And when cities expand until their

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Throughout the east the antimonopoly movement is gathering strength, as each day reveals some new enormity on the part of corporations as against the people. In our eastern exchanges we learn that some prominent merchants of St. Louis are organizing in behalf of a movement that must soon become general. They propose a freight bureau for the purpose of influencing railroad companies in the matter of cheap and uniform rates. Let the companies be wise in time and come gracefully properties in which every man is alities, recognizing that the differ-

and the democratic party will take the broad ground for the rights of the mass against the tyranny of the few. There is room for but one great monoply in this country, and that is a monopoly whose main business it shall be to establish justice and fair play. In a short time the people of this territory, and in fact the great southwest, will make similar demands, and the people will look to but one party for relief-the democratic.

Any one who has traveled much in Arizona has been at times considerably disturbed by the yelping, whining, and when darkness covers all with its protecting shield, the sayage barking of the thieving, cowardly coyote. Ordinarly, little or no attention is paid to this most contemptible and worthless of animals It is considered a common nuisance, and is not interfered with except, when emboldened by non-interference, it mistakes the contempt in which it is held for fear and pokes its snes ling nose within the boundaries of the camp and attempts to steal a bone or a bit of bacon rind to appease its covered from the surprise adminisravenous appetite. On such occasions a shout from a pai of lusty tion, and the democrats are calmly lungs or a random shot in the air awaiting to claim judgment upon sends the midnight thief back into some error which their opponents the darkness, where, safe from may make. There are some very live danger, it sits on its lean and attenuated haunches snarling and howling at its superiors. Too cowardly to fight, too insignificant to pursue, it roams, the renegade of the mesa, despised by its own species and held in abhorrence as the synonym of all that is vicious, low and despicable.

In Sunday's EPITAPH appeared a plain, terse statement, to the effect that the action of the board of supervisors in publishing for proposals for bids was done at the urgent advice of their legal adviser, the district attorney. No respectable or honorable man in this community doubted the truthfulness of the statement, but a morning contemporary says: "We doubt the statement, and will not be prepared to believe it until Mr. Price corroborates it." When an honorable man doubts the statement of another, he does not call him a liar, as a blackguard would, but seeks the authority given for the subject of his remarks, and from him ascertains its veracity. This might have been done without any trouble or meonvenince by the manager or editor of the paper reterred to had he so desired. In proof of this we quote the following conversation with the Hon. Lyttleton Price, district attorney, with the way there would be a reduction of editor of the EPITAPH: "Mr. Price.do nillions in the expenses, while the you yet adhere to your advice to the nated. Suppose a man's wealth ray. In advertising for proposals for bids is logal?" Mr. Price: "I most certainly do. Without such an action on their part there would be two or three weeks, at least, between time the board wants tologo office, and batom they noted receive didfand swart is near

sand troble the rates althem under existing contracts. Tadvised the board to pursue this searted boy, who never has enough course last year, but they postponed advertising for proposals until January. True, they were not much loser, as a majority of the old contracts were renewed; but had the contracts been given to other bidders, they would have had to pay dearly for their negligence. The board of supervisors, of San Francisco, are now doing the same as this board, and there is no law to the contrary, and I think they would be remiss in their duties if they allowed bacome an outlaw is simple justice? the present contracts to expire without advertising for new ones. The incoming board will have to do the same in 1884, unless the law is changed or amended by the legislature, and the board coming in in sands; when the whole tendency of palaces with their splendor and to thicken the dreadful tenement houses 1885 will stand in exactly the same position as the incoming board of which fester in their shadow, who 1883. 'It is as board as it is long.'" says the peace of the future is "Did anyone connected with the Independent ask your opinion on this shows the opinions of the leading pasubject?" "No, I met Mr. Hamilton pers regarding the president's late on the street, but he did not speak, merely nodded as we passed each

THE EPITAPH is as much of a newspaper as the facilities, telegraphic and otherwise, which it possesses and the section in which it telligent and public spirited man; he is located will permit or guarantee. There is not a section of country in New Mexico, Sonora, California, Nevada, Oregon or Utah but has a representation in its columns some time during the week. Our telegraphic report is equaled by few papers in the southwest. Every mining camp tiown to a reform that will otherwise in Arizona finds its strikes, its mines be demanded in due season in un- and its progress chronicled in this mistakable terms. Their private paper, No effort is left undone to differences with one another, and make it spicy, ewsy, interesting and their private interests as managers of reliable. It indulges in no person-

cratic, in the other it is energetic and untiring in promoting the interests and welfare of Arizona, and Cochise county in particular. During the last opponents and nondescript renegades. It won the battle, and without derisive jeers or exultant cheers it quietly resumed the "even tenor of its way," working in a common cause, for the good of our country. with its victors for sustenance; it would not have converted itself into a charity or contribution box, but sunk with its party or sailed with Therefore, every sort of excuse is flying colors in the open sea of pros- made use of to escape serving. But perity, which now, owing to its efforts, lies before it.

A FEW ISSUES.

It is true that congress has not been convened for any length of time, but so far they appear to be laying on their oars. It looks as though the republicans have not retered to them through the last elecissues which either party may consider without detriment to themselves and much benefit to the people. Among them we may mention that the government has too much spending money, and too much of that sort of thing invites corruption. The taxes are so heavy that capital is embarrassed and cannot be as generous with labor as it would like. The prices of the necessaries of life are absurdly high, through the rule of the monopolists, notwithstanding the fact that labor is cheap. The monpolists control the market, and the taxes control such small capitalists and business men as have not that power. Small capital and large work are thereby embarrassed to the last degree, and this notwithstanding the fact, as pointed out in the president's message and the accompanying documents, that there have been good crops, large business, and on the surface an apparent abundance of prosperity. Too little attention has been and is yet being paid to the growing interests of the territories-especially Arizona. We want increased mail facilities, appropriations for the suryev of thousands of acres of public land, appropriations for the sinking of artesian well, the culture of trees, and above all, the passage of the Re-gan railroad bill preventing discrimination in rates. These are a few points which congress should take up withcountry who is not interested in them, and his family along with him. They touch every person and every

which he pays a merited rebuke to our present system of reservations, inferring that when the Indians are closely pushed in Mexico they invariably take refuge across the border n our reservations, thereby furnishng themselves with a sure place of safety. It is an established fact that in case of an upristug of the savages in this territory they, after committing a series of depredations, cross the line either into Sonora or Chihuahua, where they rob and murder the people, and when closely pursued again recross the line and make for the reservations, where they are clothed and fed, putting them in shape for another sortie. If we were to adopt the system of shooting the ringleaders of these savare desperadoes as soon as they returned from their trip timidated and subjected that they would not make many other excur-

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curing of a jury for the pending Star-Route trial is rather a striking commentary on the situation of affairs in political campaign it made a vigor- Washington. It is alleged that reous and aggressive fight against its putable men, as a rule, are unwilling to serve because of the unpleasant prominence it will give them and the suspicion it will place them under, while the average haberdasher does not want to serve because, whatever the verdict may be, his business is Had it lost, it would not have pleaded likely to be hurt by it. If he votes for acquittal he will lose trade, because he will be regarded as bribed; and if he votes for conviction, he will knowing it had battled in the cause be shunned by the numerous friends of justice and right would have of the criminals, and be abused benailed its flag to the masthead and sides by the Star-Route newspapers.

THE difficulty attending the pro-

something remarkable. THOMAS DRADY

the jury is slowly being made up,

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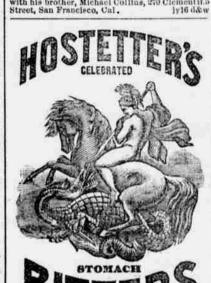
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